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Utah Guard's Recruiting Battalion Conducts Change of Command

DRAPER, Utah — The Utah Army National Guard's Recruiting and Retention Battalion will conduct a change-of-command ceremony Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 9 a.m. at Draper headquarters.

At the ceremony, Lt. Col. Mark D. Drown will officially relinquish command to Lt. Col. Adam L. Robinson.

Drown, a long-time resident of Stockton and Humboldt County, Calif., and currently of Riverton, Utah, has commanded the Battalion since 2006. During his tenure the Utah Army National Guard's recruiting efforts have achieved the most successful levels seen in the last several years.

In December 2008, Utah was recognized as one of only three states to meet National Guard Bureau's goals in six distinct recruiting categories during the year: end strength, accessions (non prior-service enlistments), retention, attrition, RSP (Recruiting Sustainment Program), officer strength and enlisted strength.

Drown's follow-on assignment with the Utah Guard will be as executive officer of the 19th Special Forces Group.

A Heber City resident and native of Sevier County, Robinson began his military career in 1985. He was enlisted for ten years, reaching the rank of staff sergeant before being commissioned in 1995. He has served as a battery commander, executive officer, training officer, operations officer and administrative officer.

Previous to this new post Robinson served as chief of staff for I Corps Artillery at Camp Williams. He deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2006-2007 to provide mentoring and training for members of the Afghan National Army.

Robinson will assume command of approximately 60 full-time recruiters and 20 staffers assigned to units and locations throughout the State.

Media Notes: The Utah National Guard's Draper headquarters is located at 12953 S. Minuteman Drive (frontage road east of I-15), in Draper. Please contact Lt. Col. Hank McIntire at (801) 420-4778 for more information.